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Washington, D. C. 20231

Inventor(s): John Brian Pickering  
Title: Voice Processing System  
Serial No.: 09/696,485  
Examiner: Susan Iris McFadden

Filing Date: 10/25/2000  
Group Art Unit: 2654

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(a/k/a 7036-P145US)

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Respectfully submitted,

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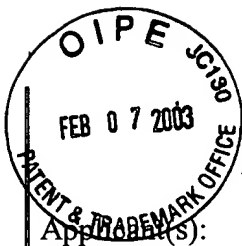
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, having a shortened statutory period expiring on March 18, 2003. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENTS

CLEAN COPY OF PENDING CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 14, 16, 20 and 22, and add claim 27, as follows.

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims (unamended claims appear in smaller print).

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1. (Amended) A method of providing speech recognition with barge-in for a voice processing system comprising the steps of:  
playing out a prompt to a user;  
receiving audio input from the user while said prompt is still being played out;